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Explanation of Updates

Section 212.700 has been revised to indicate that prior authorization is not required—for dates of service on and after January 1, 2005—for the 7th, 8th and 9th prescriptions per month for participants in the Living Choices Assisted Living Program.

Paper versions of this update transmittal have updated pages attached to file in your provider manual. See Section I for instructions on updating the paper version of the manual. For electronic versions, these changes will be automatically incorporated.

Thank you for your participation in the Arkansas Medicaid Program.

Roy Jeffus, Director

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212.700 Extended Prescription Drug Benefit

1-1-05

Individuals participating in the Living Choices Assisted Living waiver program are eligible for up to 9 medically necessary prescriptions per month. For dates of service before January 1, 2005, prior authorization is required for the 7th, 8th and 9th prescriptions in a month.